

Teenagers Face Sentences in Robbery and Murder



GOING TO COURT—Alvin Table, 24, of Torrance, center, and Carol Jean Eby, 21, are taken to court by Police Lt. Lee Carron of Redondo Beach, after they and another man were nabbed for the unsuccessful safe burglary of the Redondo Beach Auto Club of Southern California. Press Photo

Two Men, Blonde Nabbed in Poiled Safe-Cracking Try

Two men and their bleached-blond girl friend face preliminary hearing in South Bay Municipal Court, Tuesday following their arrest during the safe burglary of the Southern California Auto Club's Redondo Beach office.

Det. Lt. Lee Carron said that Alvin Table, 24, of 22218 Susanna Ave., Torrance, and Carol Jean Eby, 21, of Redondo Beach, were captured by police while they were hiding inside a closet in the building.

A third suspect, Carlton Porter, 21, a transient, was nabbed in a Hollywood Riviera motel, Monday.

Carron said that when police checked an open window in the building Sunday night, they found Table and Miss Eby, an employee of a Hermosa Beach bank, covering up inside a closet.

He said that an attempt had been made to crack the safe with a torch. The third man, who noticed the police car, dashed from the building seconds before officers checked it.

Table was identified by police as a former salesman for the Auto Club. He was released after posting \$3000 bail. Miss Eby is still in jail in lieu of posting \$1500 bail and Porter is in custody under \$2000 bond.

Benstead Hits Oil Act Delay

Delay of the new oil well ordinance was hit by Councilman Victor Benstead Tuesday night.

When City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier replied that the new law will not be introduced until Tuesday because representatives of the oil industry wanted some changes to clarify the language, Benstead asked:

"Can't we write an ordinance without letting the oil companies write it for us?"

"They're not writing it," answered Remelmeier.

"You mean they dictated it," the councilman shot back.

But Mayor Albert Isen and several councilmen defended the law on the basis that the law is actually being tightened.

"They've even pledged a voluntary cleanup," Isen said.

Torrance High Class of '49 to Hold Reunion

The Torrance High School Class of 1949 is holding its first reunion Dinner-Dance June 20 at the Western Avenue Club in Gardena. Cocktail time at 8 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served with dancing following until 2 a. m.

To date the following members have not been located. If anyone knows the whereabouts or address of the following persons please notify Dick Turner at FA 8-8744, Dick Wright, FR 8-7585, Anna Jane Goettach, FA 8-7802, or Janet Watters, TE 2-7330.

They are: Robert Acala, Betty Berry, Caroleigh Byrnes, Joann Cline Campbell, Donald Coleman, Robert Denty, Carmen Estalano, Wade Fiek, Gregory James, Thor Myhre, Robert Pederson, Bill Robinson, Vaughan Stokes, Yvonne Thomas, George Walton, Dave Wiltse, Donald Zuraschmit, Ronald Stuart, George Ono, Gilbert Avalos, Robert Blackwell.

Deadline for ticket sales is June 1st. The price is \$5 per person.

FORM NEW PTA

The newly formed Columbia School PTA will hold its first meeting May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Black Book Traps Man in Attack

His little black book proved to be the undoing of Robert W. Baker, 23, of 16617 Patroneira Ave., arrested on suspicion of attempted attack of a Hollywood photography model.

The Torrance carpenter was arrested Monday night in his home after Hollywood detectives traced him through an address book dropped in the model's apartment.

According to Los Angeles police, Baker hired the girl to pose for photos in her place. But instead of pictures, the suspect became interested in other subjects and tried to attack her, detectives said.

The model managed to drive him away by clobbering him with a hair brush and he fled the scene. As he did, his little black book containing names and addresses fell from his pocket. Detectives traced Baker from the book and requested Torrance police to arrest him.

City Aide Hits C.D. Procedure

Fears that the Civil Defense Commission is becoming a "rubber stamp" were expressed by one of its members at a recent meeting.

Elvin F. Schoonover said that the commission merely approved recommendations brought up by city officials instead of making its own decisions.

He said communications concerning the commission should come to it first instead of city officials who now receive them and bring recommendations to the board which automatically approves them.

"I don't want to be dictated to. I still speak my own mind," Schoonover said.

He also made an unsuccessful motion that a commission secretary be appointed to take charge of civil defense communications.

Most of the civil defense matters are handled by City Manager George Stevens, director, and George Powell, deputy director.

Former Mountie Will Speak at Chamber Meeting

One of the nation's foremost public speakers will appear at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Masonic Lodge, 2326 Cabriolo Ave., Tuesday.

He is Sydney R. Montague, former Canadian Mounted Policeman and author of the famous books "North to Adventure" and "Riders in Scarlet."

Montague's talk will be entitled "A Philosophy of Lifelong Adventure."

Co-Chairmen Henry Miller and James Becker, said the prominent speaker will appear through the courtesy of the Southern California Gas Company. Serving starts at 7:20 a. m. and the meeting will close at 8:30 a. m.



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'Faulty' Road Work Target of City Probe



BABY BOTTLE FOR BIRD—"Chirpy," the baby sparrow, welcomes another meal, fed with an eye-dropper, with a wide open mouth, as Jay Clotworthy, 6, brings it dinner. The bird was one of the three that fell from their nest and were adopted by the Clotworthy family, which is trying to pinch-hit for its mother. It's being kept warm in a double boiler and a doll blanket. Press Photo by Dot Daniel

Stable Owner Charged with Cruelty to Horses, Faces Trial

A Torrance riding stable owner will be tried here June 17, after he pleaded innocent to a cruelty to animals charge at his arraignment, Tuesday.

Free on \$100 bail is Don Baxter, 39, owner of Double Bar H Ranch, 4700 Emerald St., who allegedly beat a black and white gelding, "Streak," and caused it to bleed by spurring it Sunday, according to South Bay Humane Officers.

They reported that after the horse was assertedly so mistreated that blood showed on its side, it was rented out to children. The officers said that the horse almost fell on a child.

Bob Corrao, a humane officer, said that a complaint against the stable owner was signed by Mrs. Kathryn Roberts, of 21000 Victor St.

The horse was taken into protective custody by the humane society and was examined for injuries by a veterinarian.

Baxter requested trial by jury when he appears in Torrance Municipal Court.



ARRAIGNED — Don Baxter, owner of a riding stable, leaves court house after he was arraigned on cruelty to animal charge Tuesday. He pleaded innocent.

Aide Sought for City Attorney

Applications will be accepted through June 1, for the newly created position as assistant city attorney.

The post, which carries a salary range of \$829 to \$907 per month, requires membership in the State Bar, and at least three years experience in law practice in California.

Examination will consist of evaluation of previous experience and an interview by an oral board, June 12.

The successful candidate will assist City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier.

VANDALS DAMAGE HOUSE

Juvenile vandals are suspected of entering a vacant house at 5017 Jacques St., flooding it with water from the water heater and tossing ice cream around the premises. The damage was discovered by Bill Congie, a realtor.

Mothers Baby Bird After Spill From Nest

Raising a bird can be almost as exhausting as a new baby, and a Torrance housewife has experience at both.

Mrs. R. H. Clotworthy of 2410 Ridgeland Road has been getting up with the birds to feed a baby sparrow which fell out of its nest Saturday.

Two of its brothers were killed when vandals knocked one part of the double nest down.

Mrs. Clotworthy picked up the lone survivor and has been feeding it strained food with an eye-dropper. To keep the fledgling sparrow warm, she has put it in the upper part of a double-boiler, nested in a doll blanket.

"Feeding the bird takes as much care as taking care of a baby," declared Mrs. Clotworthy with a glance at her son, Jeff, now five months old.

She believes the reason the bird, still without feathers and covered with fuzz, survived, is because its fall was broken by a rubber tree in the yard.

Mama Sparrow is still taking care of the rest of her brood in the undamaged part of the nest hanging on the garage.

"But she won't have anything to do with this one, because it's been touched by humans," said Mrs. Clotworthy.

List Kindergarten Roundup Dates

Kindergarten round-ups are slated at five Torrance elementary schools—Madrona, Newton, Perry, Sepulveda and Wood—during the next week, according to school officials.

Parents of children who will enter school for the first time next fall are asked to register their children. Youngsters who will be five years old on or before Dec. 2 are eligible. Proof of birth date is required.

Round-ups are slated as follows:

Madrona—Thursday, today and Monday, June 1; Newton, Monday and Tuesday; Perry, tomorrow; Sepulveda, May 28 and 29; Wood, Wednesday.



SORE POINTS—Are examined on "Streak," 10-year-old gelding, by Jim Oge of South Bay Humane Society. Horse's owner, Don Baxter, tried here June 17. —Press Photo

Shotgun Slayers Convicted

(See Photo on Page 4)

Two youths who mowed down a barber in a shotgun robbery here, face possible lifetime prison terms when they are sentenced in Inglewood Superior Court, June 19.

Dep. District Attorney J. Miller Leavy said he will not seek capital punishment for Edward Benavidez, and Gabriel Barreras, both 19, after they were found guilty of first degree murder charges, Tuesday.

Neither suspect took the stand when they submitted their case on the basis of the preliminary hearing transcript before Superior Judge Benjamin Landis.

The pair and a juvenile accomplice, already sentenced, were charged with the murder of William Johnson, 40, a Los Angeles barber, during a robbery Dec. 21. Johnson and his nephew, Dale M. Allsop, 25, of 18435 S. St. Andrews Pl., were walking to the latter's home from a Gardena bar, when they were stopped by the suspects.

According to police reports, the youths who were riding in a car, ordered the two men to throw their money on the ground. Allsop complied, but Johnson walked toward the car and was killed with a blast from a .410 gauge shotgun, allegedly fired by Benavidez.

The suspects' machine stalled and they ordered Allsop to help them push it. After it started, it became bogged in mud during the foggy night and was abandoned at the scene on 182nd St. near Western Ave.

Torrance detectives traced the suspects through the registration of the vehicle.

Car Run Starts in Torrance

Torrance will be the beginning and return point of the sixth annual Youth Economy Run to be staged June 21-23.

The drive, which stresses safe driving at minimum fuel consumption, will again go to Yosemite with the route a top secret until the day of the event, according to A. L. Jackson and Sam Piazza, coordinators for the police department-sponsored car club event.

Six youths have been tentatively selected to participate from here in cars to be furnished by Eubank Rambler and Val's Ford.

They are Tom Carter, 17, of 3424 W. 187th St., Lloyd Steele, 17, of 16905 Orenshaw Blvd., Chuck Comstock, 18, of 2314 W. 165th St., Ray Smeltzer, 19, of 1850 W. 152nd St., Gardena, Bob Newell, 18, of 4716 W. Sepulveda Blvd., and Brent Shirley, 18, of 241 Via Los Miradores.

Jackson said that drivers must have a traffic record unmarred by traffic citations this year. Drivers, co-drivers and observers will have to be selected from among the six.

The Run will depart here from the National Guard Armory at 5 a. m. on June 21.

To date 31 cars have signed up for the event sponsored by the Police Advisory Council of Car Clubs.

Offer Metal Class

Classes in metal decorations will begin at 7:30 p.m. today under auspices of the Recreation Department.

There will be four Thursday sessions at the Arts and Crafts Center, 1511 Cravens Ave. Classes will be taught by Mrs. Erika Muhl. Cost will be 50 cents per session.

Young Golfers Meet

Plans for summer activities will be discussed at a meeting of the Sea-Aire Teenage Golf Club. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a. m. at the Sea-Aire golf links, 22730 Lupine Drive.

A program of golf instruction is planned during the summer.

Crumbling Road Hit by Mayor

A prompt investigation of recent major street projects to determine if any cheating occurred, was ordered by the City Council Tuesday.

Mayor Albert Isen requested that a probe be made immediately by Wade E. Peebles, public works director, after he questioned the premature crumbling of Arlington Ave., "the street that goes no-where."

"There are lots of questions to be answered," Isen declared. "We should know if contractors abided by city specifications, if inferior materials were used and who was responsible."

Report Date

Peebles said he expects to know by Tuesday if specifications on that section of Arlington between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd., were tightly written and will make corings to determine if the materials used followed the specifications.

"If I say I was shocked—it's a mild understatement," the mayor declared.

He said the nowhere street is falling apart, needs resurfacing and the materials seem to be inferior.

Only one of the street, constructed approximately 17 months ago at a cost of around \$70,000, appears to be by drag racers who have marked start and finish lines on the pavement.

Goals Nowhere

The street derives its nickname from the fact that its only access is from 190th St. and it deadends at the railroad tracks north of Del Amo Blvd. Legal technicalities have prevented its extension to the downtown area for many months.

Isen said while Peebles is making the investigation, he should look at other major street projects constructed in the last three years, such as Lomita and Del Amo Blvds. and Carson St.

Councilman Robert Jahn added that he wants Peebles to core all streets that appear to be deteriorating too fast and determine who inspected them and on what dates.

Councilman J. A. Beasley said that he received "rumors" three or four months ago that the city is being "short-weighted" in materials and that he passed the information along to Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, for investigation.

LORANGER RESOLUTION

Mrs. Paul D. Loranger was presented with an inscribed Permanent Resolution this week in memory of her late husband by President Fred W. Mill on behalf of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Loranger, a past president of the Chamber, passed away on Dec. 26.

CHAMBER SPEAKER

Harry A. Lintz, district manager of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, will address the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce today at 7:30 p.m. in Compton.

Juniors Irate Because of Banishment from THS Prom

Sixteen Torrance High School juniors expressed bitter disappointment over being barred from the traditional Junior-Senior Prom Saturday night.

They will not be permitted to attend due to an order by Assistant Principal Leonard Lifton as punishment for invading the senior patio as a lark last week.

Mike Walker, junior class president, said that the students affected by the ban are seething because the offense is usually under the jurisdiction of the senior student court and not by school officials.

The student leader, who himself was not involved in the prank, said that several boys and girls had already spent considerable